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TASK FORCE ON KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formed a task force on restructuring of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) spread all over the country;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) the details of the members and time given to this task force to give its report;

(d) whether the Government propose to make Krishi Vigyan Kendras more effective; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. A 10 Member Task Force was constituted consisting of Special Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), as Chairperson; three officials from Indian Council of Agricultural Research, two from DAC, one each from State Agricultural University, State Agricultural Department and Non-Government Organization as members; and Additional Commissioner, DAC as Member-Secretary.The terms of reference of the Task Force include strengthening of the linkages of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The Task Force was to give its report within one month of its notification (3.5.2002) and submitted its report on (31.5.2002).

(d) & (e) : In order to make the KVKs more effective a proposal has been prepared to establish electronic linkages with the KVKs and technology generating institutions for availability of technology information at the level of the KVKs.